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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the subject application, Applicant amends the  
application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 2, please insert the following paragraph immediately following "RELATED  
APPLICATIONS";

--This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/267,251 filed  
March 12, 1999 for "Polarization Plate".--

Please add the following paragraph after the last paragraph on page 6:

--FIGURE 9 depicts a three dimensional view of a simplified version, for clarity,  
of the alternative embodiment of the polarization plate illustrated in FIGURE 8.--